

MINUTES

**MONTANA SENATE
58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN BOB DEPRATU**, on January 9, 2003 at 9 A.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Bob DePratu, Chairman (R)
Sen. Bob Story Jr., Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)
Sen. Jon Ellingson (D)
Sen. Jim Elliott (D)
Sen. Bill Glaser (R)
Sen. Dan Harrington (D)
Sen. Walter McNutt (R)
Sen. Mike Taylor (R)
Sen. Ken Toole (D)

Members Excused: Sen. John C. Bohlinger (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Lee Heiman, Legislative Branch
Roberta Opel, Committee Secretary

Video-Taped Committees: This is the video log of a committee hearing. The log provides a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. A video-taped recording of the meeting is available from the Montana Historical Society.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 11, 1/9/2003

HEARING ON SB 11

Opening Statement by Sponsor: **SENATOR DAN HARRINGTON**, SD 19, Butte, opened on SB 11-regarding proposed tax paid on specific rental vehicles. Amendments to the bill were presented by **SEN. HARRINGTON** as well as Table 2 and Table 3, regarding rental car tax by state comparison. **EXHIBIT (tas04a01)**

Proponents' Testimony:

9:11am Eric Feaver, MEA, MFT
 9:12am Madalyn Quinlan, State Superintendent, Public Instruction
 9:14am Gene Fenderson, MT. Progressive Labor Caucus
 9:16am Paul Haber, University of Montana faculty (on behalf of)

Opponents' Testimony:

9:17am Candace Payne, Montana Rental Car Association
 9:20am Riley Johnson, Enterprise Rent-A-Car
 9:22am Jay Robson, Dollar Rent-A-Car
 9:25am Tom Harrison, MT. Auto Dealers Association
 9:26am Stuart Doggett, MT. Innkeepers
 9:29am Amy Sullivan, MT. Tourism Coalition
 9:32am Rob Doyle, Avis Rent-A-Car
 9:32am Jerry Woodahl, Hertz Rent-A-Car, Missoula
 9:33am Jim Robinson, MT. Independent Auto Dealers
 9:34am Joe Taylor, Rent-A-Wreck
 9:35am Steve Clawson, Wells Fargo, Kalispell

Informational Testimony:

9:37am Judy Smith, Fair Share Network **EXHIBIT (tas04a02)**
 9:43am Gene Walborn, MT. Dept. of Revenue
 9:58am Betsy Baumgart, MT. Dept. of Commerce **EXHIBIT (tas04a03)**
 10:09am Terry Johnson, Chief Fiscal Analyst, MT. Dept. of
 Revenue, submitted tax update testimony.
EXHIBIT (tas04a04)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:00am **SEN. ELLINGSTON** for **SEN. HARRINGTON**
SEN. HARRINGTON responded
 10:01am **SEN. ELLIOTT** for **Jay Robson**
 Jay Robson responded
 10:02am **SEN. TAYLOR** for **SEN. HARRINGTON**
SEN. HARRINGTON responded
 10:04am **SEN. TAYLOR** for Judy Smith
 Judy Smith responded
 10:05am **SEN. STORY** for **SENATOR HARRINGTON**
SEN. HARRINGTON responded
 10:07am **SEN. STORY** for **Stuart Doggett**
 Stuart Doggett responded
 10:08am **SEN. STORY** for **Betsy Baumgart**
Betsy Baumgart responded

Closing by Sponsor:

10:09am **SEN. HARRINGTON** closed on SB 11.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:13 A.M.

SEN. BOB DEPRATU, Chairman

ROBERTA OPEL, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (tas04aad)